



BORN HEALTHY

The path to prosperity begins at birth. Children must be born into safe homes with families who are socially, emotionally and financially prepared to care for them.

Parents know that keeping a child safe and healthy is no small task, and doing so begins well before birth. A child's healthy beginning depends on quality prenatal care. It continues after birth with pediatric care and a safe and healthy home environment with families that are prepared to support young children. Keeping our youngest children healthy is particularly important for the economic stability of lower-income families.

If we are going to build a stronger community, we must start at the very beginning of people's lives.

BY THE NUMBERS

KEY INDICATOR

BIRTH WEIGHT (2016)



1,204 (8.9%)

BABIES BORN WITH LOW BIRTH WEIGHT (BELOW 5.5 LBS)

THE PERCENTAGE OF LOW-WEIGHT BIRTHS HAS DECLINED SLIGHTLY FROM 10% IN 2005 TO 8.9% IN 2016

Source: Virginia Department of Health

RELATED INDICATOR

PRENATAL CARE (2016)

89%

WOMEN RECEIVING PRENATAL CARE DURING FIRST 13 WEEKS OF PREGNANCY



Source: Virginia Department of Health

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BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN A 12TH GRADE EDUCATION (2016)



1,327 (9.8%)

Source: Virginia Department of Health

RELATED INDICATOR

TEEN PREGNANCIES AGES 10-17 (2016)

486

JAN 2010

240

JAN 2016

Source: Virginia Department of Health



WHAT WE DO

United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg funds programs that support mothers, families and children. We support home visitation and parenting education programs that ensure children are living in safe and healthy homes. Simultaneously, we work with school districts, local government agencies and the general public to address the issue from all sides.

SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg is proud to support the following programs:

- **Family Lifeline** - Early Childhood Development Initiative
- **Family Lifeline** - Southside Early Childhood Development Initiative
- **Quin Rivers Agency for Community Action** - Charles City/New Kent Healthy Families

HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATE: Give to UWGRP. Let us know you want your gift to help ensure that babies are born healthy.



VOLUNTEER: Want to lend your time to supporting these efforts? Email Volunteer@YourUnitedWay.org and we will help match you with the right opportunity.



CONNECT: Visit YourUnitedWay.org to learn more about any of our important efforts or to get to know our leadership team.

SPOTLIGHT

We work directly with the Petersburg Department of Health to implement a program to address teen pregnancy in the city. By working with students in schools as well as families, we successfully have reduced teen pregnancies in Petersburg by 54 percent since 2009.

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